

MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953

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Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 493]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the House Joint Resolution No. 493, making a supplemental appropriation for the Legislative Branch, reports the same to the House with recommendation that the resolution be passed.

There has been recurring discussion of the method of conducting studies and investigations by the Committee on Appropriations and there has been from time to time considerable dissatisfaction expressed. Many worthwhile results have been obtained through former procedures and it is the considered judgment of many members of the Committee that the reductions in the budget—which is the end product sought by the Committee no matter what methods may be used—have been as much as could have been obtained under any circumstances. However, there is an urgent demand for a change in methods and for some months various proposals have been considered.

On May 15, 1952, the Committee on Appropriations adopted Committee Resolution No. 10 as follows:

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION No. 10

Resolved, That it shall be the policy of the Appropriations Committee that the programs and budget estimates of each department or agency shall be inspected and checked by investigators of the Appropriations Committee each year and the appropriate subcommittee may direct the particular phases to which special attention shall be given.

Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution discussions have continued among the members of the Committee and it has now been determined to provide additional staff to include such investigators, analysts, accountants, or other expert personnel as may be necessary, and the Committee on Appropriations, on July 2, 1952, adopted Committee Resolution No. 11, as follows:

Resolved, That in order to carry out the policy established by Committee Resolution No. 10, by Mr. Whitten, adopted on May 15, 1952, the following procedure is hereby adopted:

There shall be made a continuing check, inspection, and investigation of budget estimates and programs and related matters of each department and agency, such reports to be made regularly to the Committee and to the subcommittee and reports shall be made available to the membership of the Congress as provided in the fourth paragraph hereof.

The Chairman shall appoint (in addition to such number of clerical assistants as may be required) not less than 20, and such additional numbers as may be from time to time required, persons with such qualifications as investigators, analysts, etc., as he may deem appropriate to conduct studies, investigations and surveys in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The Chairman shall assign such employees to make such additional investigations, studies, and surveys for each subcommittee as may be requested to meet the wishes of such subcommittee and under the direction of such subcommittee.

Written reports of all such investigations, studies, and surveys conducted during each year shall be made to the appropriate subcommittee by the 3d day of January each year, but special written reports may be made from time to time as may be necessary to advise the subcommittee as to matters requiring early attention. Such subcommittee shall publish such factual information contained in such reports as may be made public compatibly with the national interest and security as soon as may be practicable for use of the membership of the House.

The Ranking Minority Member of each subcommittee, with the approval of Chairman of the Committee, is authorized to appoint an employee at a basic salary of \$2,400 per annum.

The Chairman is authorized and directed to introduce, and seek immediate enactment thereof, a joint resolution appropriating the sum of \$500,000 for the fiscal year 1953 for the purposes of this resolution.

A Director of Studies and Investigations has already been appointed and will proceed immediately to recruit the necessary personnel. He will consult with the various subcommittees, find out what their desires are, and make every effort to furnish such information and assistance as they may wish.

During the past few years the Members of the House have been invited repeatedly to inform the Committee on Appropriations as to any matters which they thought should be made the subject of inquiry and many helpful suggestions have been received. Each of these has received careful attention and every effort has been made to secure full information with respect thereto. The Committee will be pleased to receive any information which comes to the attention of any Member of the House and will give it the most careful review and conduct any investigation which appears necessary.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the cost of the new service. It is planned to employ not less than 20 carefully selected experts immediately and to add to this number just as rapidly as their services are required to meet the demands of the subcommittees. The Committee recommends the appropriation of \$500,000 in the accompanying joint resolution to be added to \$250,000 included in the Legislative Appropriation Act for 1953, a large part of which is already committed for other work now under way. It appears now that this amount should be sufficient for the fiscal year but the Committee desires to reserve the privilege of asking the House to approve additional funds if it is found that all requirements cannot be met within the amount provided.